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DEVELOPMENT IN I.T. SECTOR

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote Information Technology (IT) Sector in the country including rural areas during remaining period of the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any pending project with Government in IT Sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Under National e-Governance Plan, the Government has sanctioned the scheme of Common Services Centres (CSCs) under which 1,00,000 Kiosks are being established in rural areas. These kiosks are equipped with Computers, Connectivity and Trained and incentivized manpower. These Centres provide public services along with facilities of Internet and e-mail. The scheme is based on Public Private Partnership model with Government of India providing revenue viability gap funding. Till date about 85,000 CSCs have been established. State-wise details are given in Annexure.

(c) to (e): No, Sir.